

School Community Council - Thursday, November 10, 2016

Meeting

Board members in attendance: Kay Adams, LeAuna Brown, Carla Christensen, Cherie Clawson, Natalie Dansie, Laurel Fetzer, John Goldhardt, Anita Longhurst, Jennica Murray, Paul Pickett, Nita Tuitupou, Cindy Wilkey
(Also present were: Amy Thompson, Kelly Taoalii, Chantel Olsen, and Caden Seiter.)

1. **Approval of minutes** – Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. **Chantel Olsen- Work-based Learning:** Chantel works at MHS with a K-12 college and career readiness program. She passed out a brochure "Connect to your future" showing career and college opportunities for students. The brochure is given to each parent/student as they meet with their school counselor. Chantel requested input/suggestions for how to improve the brochure as well as how to better communicate with parents and students. Please email your feedback to: CTOlsen@murrayschools.org

The question of scholarship information was presented to Chantel. She commented that the MHS website has a lot of scholarship information on it and the Wells Fargo website has links to hundreds, if not thousands, of scholarships. The Regents Scholarship was brought up and Dr. Goldhardt explained that the amount of that scholarship seems to be shrinking each year as more people are made aware of it and as Legislative money for it fluctuates each year as well.

Another question presented: How are minorities targeted with the career/college information. Chantel mentioned that the nursing programs are targeting ESL students, because they are looking for people that speak other languages. As for MHS, Ms. Romo and Mr. Beh work with ESL students and help to inform them.

3. **Principal's Report:** Dr. Goldhardt reported that the Drive-by Raking activity was a big success. Over 80 students participated and they raked about 200 bags of leaves. Several older people (whose yards were raked) were very pleased and even to the point of tears in their gratitude. The students also had a good time and enjoyed the activity.

Parent Square, the program for communication between the school and parents, is expected to kick off on Dec. 1, 2016. The company gave the high school a discount because of being the 2nd school in the district to acquire the program.

An MHS App is in its final stages of preparation and should be available in the next few weeks.

This week is the school Musical "Joseph". Don't miss it!

4. **School Improvement Plan:** The plan is a 5-year plan. It was redone last year, so it should be fine for this year. Dr. Goldhardt passed out copies of the plan today, and the majority of board members were already familiar with it since they helped draft it last year. Those who are new to the board will review it and may bring any questions or concerns to the next meeting.

ACT tests for 11th grade students were also discussed. ACT will be given to all 11th grade students and they will no longer take the SAGE test. The ACT scores give a good idea of what grades the student can expect to receive in college.

5. **Digital Citizenship Plan:** This program is about on-line citizenship and protection. MHS will have a NetSmartz training in February for this. Dr. Goldhardt will check to see if more than this is recommended for high school students.

6. **Report on progress of Citizenship Policy Review Committee:** Laurel and Carla gave an update on this committee. The committee unanimously agreed that the policy needs to be reviewed, especially the way that citizenship U's are worked off. Some students have put together an APP where students could work off U's by attending school activities and checking in/out of the activity using the app at that activity. They presented the app to the school board and had a favorable response to it, so the students are continuing to work on it.

The committee is looking to create an incentive program to create the desired behavior in students and considering a CPA (citizenship point average) requirement.

7. **Next meeting agenda:** Paul needs to post the agenda for the next meeting, 1 week prior to the meeting date. If you have any items for the agenda, please email the information to Paul by Nov. 30th at: picnpac@gmail.com

Next Meeting Thurs. Dec. 8